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| UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) | |
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| Attorney Docket No. | 02581- P0562A |
| First Inventor | Andre Timmermans, et al. |
| Title | Device for Introducing a Suture Thread Anchor into a Bone |
| Express Mail Label No. | EL 889 892 572 US |

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032604**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 13]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claims(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawings(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 5]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 0]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventors(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
 - c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other...WO 03/028559 Cover Sheet

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: PCT/EP02/10298 September 13, 2002

Prior application information: Examiner Group/Art Unit:

Priority Claimed: DE 101 49 396.7 September 26, 2001

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT**

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| Filing Date | March 26, 2004 |
| First Named Inventor | Andre Timmermans, et al. |
| Examiner Name | |

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE****Large Entity** **Small Entity**

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid | |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|--|
| 1101 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | Utility filing fee | 770.00 | |
| 1002 | 340 | 2202 | 170 | Design filing fee | | |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee | | |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee | | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | (\$) | | 770.00 | |

2. EXTRA CLAIMS FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| | | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|----|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Total Claims | 11 | -20** | 0 | X |
| Independent Claims | 1 | = -3** | 0 | X |
| Multiple Dependent | | | 0 | |

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|--------------|----------|----------|----------|---|
| 1201 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claims, if not paid |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 over original patent |
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

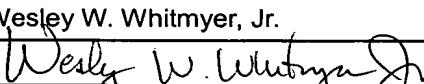
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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge – late filing for or oath |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge – late provisional filing or cover sheet |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month |
| 1252 | 40 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within second month |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within third month |
| 1254 | 1,450 | 2254 | 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month |
| 1255 | 1,970 | 2255 | 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing brief in support of an appeal |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 | 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b)) |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application |
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